

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE & REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 414, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
Friday, January 26, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair
 Rep. Bryan D. Holladay, Co-Chair
 Sen. Dan Eastman
 Sen. Ed Mayne
 Rep. Eli Anderson
 Rep. Cindy Beshear
 Rep. David Cox
 Rep. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Chad Bennion

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst
 Jonathan C. Ball, Fiscal Analyst
 Marilyn Reed, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Rep. Holladay called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Rep. Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion and Cox absent for the vote.

Tax Commission

MOTION: Sen Jenkins moved to approve the Analyst's base budget recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion and Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Beshear moved to add CACS-G Operation and Maintenance Costs (\$149,300 GF and \$149,300 USF) to the funding priorities list. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion and Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Beshear moved to add the State Tax Audit and Compliance System (\$70,000) and the Postal Rate Increase (\$39,000) to the funding priorities list. The motion failed with Rep. Beshear voting against the motion and Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion and Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Eastman moved to add the Treasury Offset Program (\$29,300) and Motor Vehicle Office Rent (\$75,700) to the funding priorities list. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion and Cox absent for the vote.

Labor Commission

Analyst Bill Greer reviewed the base budget recommendation and the related funding issues as outlined

under green tab 7 in the committee's summary book.

Commissioner Lee Ellertson introduced Finance Officer Gordon Linnett, Larry Patrick, Joyce Sewell, Jay Bagley, and Joe Gallegos. He praised his staff and the workforce safety program and talked to the points of disagreement with the Analyst's recommendation.

Sen. Mayne praised and encouraged support of the Labor Commission and its funding requests.

Commissioner Ellertson emphasized the need for funding a programmer.

There was discussion regarding anti-discrimination suits and a backlog of cases. The commissioner would like additional resources. Nothing has been recommended in the Governor's budget.

The committee asked for more information regarding the media campaigns being run by the Department.

Commissioner Ellertson requested permission to give a short presentation of the Work Place Safety Account at the next meeting.

Workers Compensation Fund:

Analyst Bill Greer summarized the Workers Compensation Fund as outlined under yellow tab 11 in the committee's summary book. The committee will not be voting on a budget as Workers Compensation Fund receives no funding from the State. Revenue to the Company is from Worker's Compensation Insurance. The State is less than 5 percent of the Company's business.

Pres. & CEO, Lane Summerhays and CFO, Ray Pickup presented information regarding the Workers Compensation Fund (see handout) and responded to questions from the committee.

Sen. Mayne praised the leadership and development of programs of the department.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to change the agenda for January 29, 2001 to add a review and initial voting of Liquor Profit Distribution Program. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bennion absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bennion absent for the vote.

Rep. Holladay adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

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